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REMARKS

In the aforementioned amendment, the drawings have been modified to address the Examiner's objection to the drawings. Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-36 and 38-53 are presently pending in this application, of which claims 1, 19, 35 and 53 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-36, and 38-53 stand rejected. Applicants submit that pending claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-36, and 38-53 are in condition for allowance.

The following comments address all stated grounds of rejection. The Applicants urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance in view of the remarks set forth below.

Objection to Drawings

The Examiner objected to Figures 3-10 because the characters in the shaded area were not shown clearly. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the substitute Figures 3-10 submitted to correct the objection on June 9, 2004, and enclose a second copy of the June 9, 2004, substitute Figures 3-10.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-36, and 38-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103. For ease of the discussion below, each claim rejection under 35 U.S.C § 103 is discussed separately.

I. Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as Unpatentable over Young in view of Weitz, and further in view of Lannert

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-20, 22-27, 29-36, 38-43, and 45-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young et al. ("A Knowledge Based Electronic Information and Documentation System", ACM, January 2000) ("Young") in view of Weitz ("SGML nets: Integrating Document and Workflow Modeling", IEEE, 1998) ("Weitz"), and further in view of Lannert et al (U.S. Patent 6,101,489) ("Lannert"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and contend that Young in view of Lannert fails to detract from the patentability of claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-20, 22-27, 29-36, 38-43, and 45-53.